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The truth uncorked: Michigan's direct wine shipping rights

Myth of the week:

Allowing wineries to ship wine directly to consumers bypasses our regulatory system and makes it easier for minors to get alcohol.

Facts:

Michigan wineries have been allowed to ship their products directly to consumers for 35 years, under tightly controlled and accountable regulations.

In that time, there have been no violations for selling to minors, while the Michigan Liquor Control Commission can confirm thousands of instances every year of minors procuring alcohol through retail store outlets.

Senate Bills 625 through 628 and House Bills 4987 through 4990 would maintain Michigan consumers' access to direct-shipped wine while providing a mechanism for keeping wine out of the hands of minors.

Michigan already has some of the most restrictive wine shipping laws and highest wine prices in the country.

Twenty-six states allow out of state wineries to ship directly to consumers.

For more information on the effort to maintain Michigan's direct wine shipping rights, contact Sen. Michelle McManus' office at 517-373-1725.

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